

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT APPLICATION**

INVENTOR: George Svonja

TITLE: Method And Apparatus For Drying

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the instant application as follows.

An amendment to the specification begins on page 2.

An amendment to the claims begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 7.